



Grants Newsletter

August 21, 2023

To better serve you, I would like to provide this week's Grants Newsletter. Enclosed you will find several open grant applications that provide the opportunity to procure federal funding for a variety of projects.

Attracting more federal funds to our district and region has been a top priority during my tenure in Congress. By providing this document, I hope we can secure additional federal funds and assistance to our area that will improve life in Texas's 28th Congressional District.

For more information on the federal grant process, please visit my [grants webpage](#) or contact my Grants Coordinator, Randy Aguilar, at Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov. To stay informed about recent legislative activity and how it impacts your family and your community, please visit my [congressional website](#) or follow me on Twitter at [@RepCuellar](https://twitter.com/RepCuellar).

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress
28th District of Texas

Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email randy.aguilar@mail.house.gov.

Transportation

[Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) Program](#)

Project description: The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program aims to advance and support reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure – with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs (jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and recreation). The required design activities, environmental studies, predevelopment, preconstruction, and permitting tasks encompassed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. These activities include the removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an eligible dividing facility, the replacement of such a facility with a new one that restores community connectivity, or the delivery of community benefits, environmental improvements, and impact mitigation identified through NEPA or other planning and project development efforts for the construction project.

Eligibility:

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Nonprofit entities
- County governments
- Others (see posting for additional details)

Application due date: September 28, 2023

[Neighborhood Access and Equity \(NAE\) Program](#)

Project description: The primary goal of the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program is to assist economically disadvantaged or underserved communities for planning and construction activities. Community Planning Grants can be used for planning activities for future construction projects and allow for innovative community planning to address localized transportation challenges. Capital Construction Grants can be used to carry out a project to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or replace an existing eligible dividing facility with a new facility that reconnects communities; mitigate a burdening facility that is a source of air pollution, noise, stormwater, or other burdens; or implement a strategy to reduce environmental harm and/or improve access.

Eligibility:

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Nonprofit entities
- County governments

Application due date: September 28, 2023

Criminal Justice

FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success

Project description: With this solicitation, the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention seeks to support communities in conducting planning and assessment activities that will inform the development of a community-based continuum of promising and evidence-based prevention and intervention services that will serve as a strong foundation for preventing youth from entering the juvenile justice system, diverting them from moving deeper into the system (i.e., detention and corrections) and ultimately providing them with the skills they need to lead productive, safe, healthy, and law-abiding lives.

Eligibility:

- Private institutions
- County governments
- State governments
- Special districts governments
- Nonprofit entities
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- City or township governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Small businesses

Application due date: September 28, 2023

Humanities

Museums Empowered

Project description: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff is a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program. It is designed to support projects that use the transformative power of professional development and training to generate systemic change within museums of all types and sizes.

Eligibility:

- State governments
- Local governments
- Nonprofit entities
- A museum is an institution that employs experts to curate and preserve tangible objects for educational, cultural, or aesthetic reasons, showcasing them to the public through owned or operated facilities.

Application due date: November 15, 2023

[Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#)

Project description: Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

Eligibility:

- State governments
- Local governments
- Nonprofit entities
- A museum is an institution that employs experts to curate and preserve tangible objects for educational, cultural, or aesthetic reasons, showcasing them to the public through owned or operated facilities.

Application due date: November 15, 2023

Education

[Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants](#)

Project description: The fourth round of Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants will increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to meet the skill development needs of employers and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries. Applicants will use strategies rooted in evidence and designed to build further evidence on the effectiveness of sector-based career pathways programs in leading to positive employment outcomes. These strategies will also address identified equity gaps to increase full access to educational and economic opportunity—particularly for individuals from historically underserved communities.

Eligibility:

- Others (see posting for additional information)
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education

Application due date: November 14, 2023

Grant Resources

[Grants.gov Community Blog](#) This website provides information on how to apply for grants, open solicitations, and other helpful grant resources.

[Grants.gov Training Videos](#) This webpage provides videos and webinars to assist you in your application process. Video topics include registering with grants.gov, how to search for federal grants, and other topics of interest for applicants.